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This letter concerns the "Response to Decision Refusing Status Under 37 CFR 1.47(a)," filed on January 31, 2002 ("1/31/02 Response") along with a request for a 4-month extension of time and the accompanying fee of \$1,440.

There are 3 joint-inventors for the claimed invention in this application. The application as originally filed did not include an oath or declaration as required by 37 CFR 1.51(b)(2) and as specified in 37 CFR 1.63. On April 20, 2001, a petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) was filed, requesting that 2 of the 3 joint-inventors be allowed to file this application on behalf of themselves and the remaining joint-inventor ("Macq") who allegedly had refused to join in the application. That petition was dismissed on July 31, 2001 for failing to show that Macq could not be reached, or that he refused to sign the declaration after a copy of the entire application, including the specification and drawings, had been presented to him for signature.

The 1/31/02 Response encloses a "Declaration and Power of Attorney" signed by all of the joint-inventors for this application, including Macq. The application is now complete and is being forwarded to Technology Center 2600 for examination in due course.

The Office also acknowledges receipt on February 6, 2002 of an assignment and a \$40 payment for recording the assignment.

Telephone inquiries concerning this letter should be directed to Petitions Attorney RC Tang at (703) 308-0763.

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